

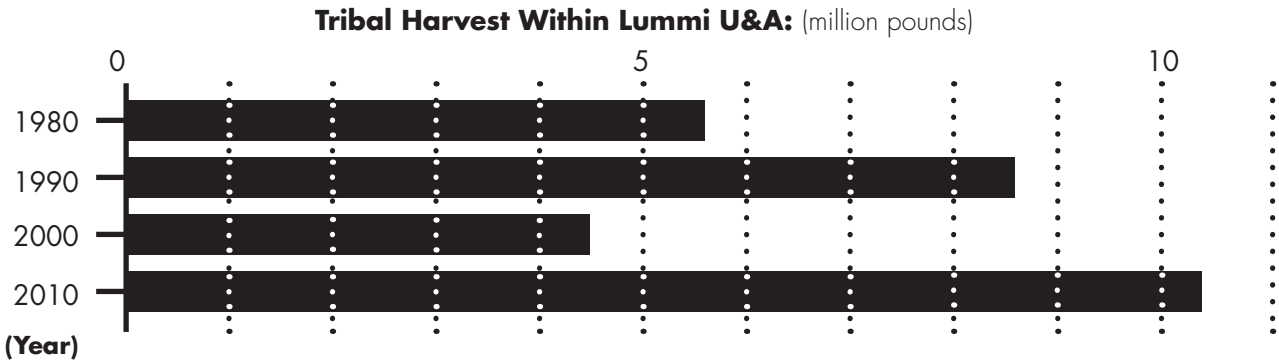
## LUMMI NATION FISHING TODAY

Lummi has been a fishing tribe since time immemorial. In the 20th Century, the Lummi Nation distinguished itself for having the largest fishing fleet of all Northwest tribes. Today there are approximately 300 vessels registered with the Lummi Nation, ranging in size from skiffs to gillnetters.

The Lummi Nation is considering potential impacts to its “way of life” (Schelangen), particularly with respect to fishing and potential impacts to cultural properties, as it prepares to participate in the federal Environmental Impact Statement process concerning SSA Marine’s proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal at Cherry Point. Three of the key issues related to fishing are discussed below.

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The total harvest by Lummi Tribal Fishers in the Lummi Nation’s Usual and Accustomed grounds and stations (U&A) varies annually depending on a large number of factors.

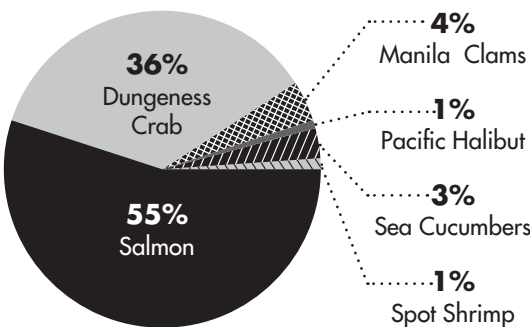


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### Changing harvest

The average annual tribal seafood harvest for tribes that fish within the Lummi Nation’s U&A from 1980 to 2011 is about 7.8 million pounds. At its peak in 1985, nearly 21 million pounds of seafood were harvested by tribal fishers.

Composition of the Annual Tribal Harvest for Lummi’s U&A (2000-2011)

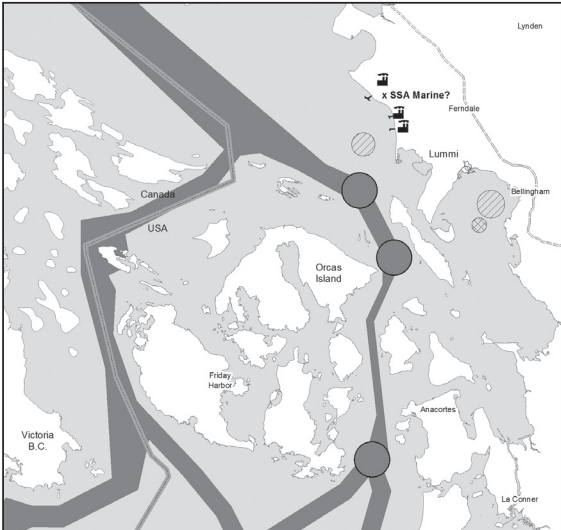


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### Industrialization reduces access for Lummi fishers

Since industrial development began along Cherry Point in the 1950s, the ability of Lummi fishers to exercise their Treaty fishing rights has been diminished due to interference by increased ship, tug, and barge traffic and blocked access to fishing grounds. Today Department of Homeland Security exclusion zones around piers and anchorage areas further diminish Lummi Treaty Fishers access to their usual and accustomed area at Cherry Point. The number, size, and frequency of occurrence of exclusion zones will grow if the proposed terminal is built.

#### Maritime Shipping Lanes, Anchorages, and Restricted Areas of the Strait of Georgia and the San Juan Islands



### EIS public comment period begins

The official comment period for the Environmental Impact Study about the proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal began on Sept. 24 and will continue until Jan. 21, 2013.

#### Nearby meetings will be held on:

- Saturday, Oct. 27**, Squalicum High School from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 3**, Friday Harbor High School, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 5**, McIntyre Hall in Mount Vernon from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 12**, North Seattle Community College from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 29**, Ferndale Events Center from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

#### Other public meetings will be in Spokane and Vancouver, WA.

Send written comments to U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District Regulatory Branch, care of GPT/BNSF Custer Spur EIS Co-Lead Agencies, 1100 112th Avenue Northeast, Suite 400, Bellevue, Washington 98004. Comments may also be submitted via e-mail to [comments@eisgatewaypacificwa.gov](mailto:comments@eisgatewaypacificwa.gov) or submitted on the EIS project website at [www.eisgatewaypacificwa.gov](http://www.eisgatewaypacificwa.gov).

For more information and project updates, please visit the Lummi Nation Awareness Project at [lnnr.lummi-nsn.gov/LummiWebsite/Website.php?PageID=235](http://lnnr.lummi-nsn.gov/LummiWebsite/Website.php?PageID=235)